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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: OVIP, US, DA

SUBJ: DANES HOPE SECRETARY KISSINGER CAN MAKE BRIEF
STOPOVER IN COPENHAGEN

1. WHEN I CALLED ON PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN JAN 7 FOR ONE OF OUR PERIODIC MEETINGS, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN WALKED INTO THE ROOM TO INQUIRE WHETHER I HAD REPORTED TO WASHINGTON MY CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR BORCH. IN THAT CONVERSATION THE DANISH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO WASHINGTON HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER COULD SPEND A FEW HOURS IN COPENHAGEN THE NEXT TIME HIS TRAVELS BRING HIM CLOSE TO DENMARK. I REPLIED THAT I HAD REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON THIS MEETING (COPENHAGEN 004). FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN THEN SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN HIMSELF HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT STOP IN COPENHAGEN EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER GOING TO MOSCOW, IF SUCH A TRIP WERE TO MATERIALIZE, SO THAT THE PRIME MINISTER COULD BRIEF THE SECRETARY PERSONALLY ON THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN COPENHAGEN JAN 18-19. I SAID THAT I WOULD CALL AGAIN THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION TO THE DANISH PLAN, BUT THAT I DID NOT KNOW THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS NOR WHETHER HE HAD THE TIME TO STOP IN COPENHAGEN.

2. COMMENT: EVER SINCE JORGENSEN CAME TO POWER FOR
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A SECOND TIME LAST SPRING, HE HAS TAKEN A MORE PRO-

AMERICAN STAND THAN THE FIRST TIME HE WAS PRIME MINISTER. HE IS CLEARLY MORE BALANCED AND MORE REALISTIC TODAY THAN WHEN HE FIRST BURST ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE 5 YEARS AGO. UNDOUBTEDLY PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN AND FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN SEE A STOPOVER IN COPENHAGEN BY THE SECRETARY AS A WAY OF ENHANCING THEIR OWN PRESTIGE AS MEN OF INTERNATIONAL STATURE. THEIR INVITATION ALSO REFLECTS A GENUINE FEELING BY THE CURRENT DANISH LEADERSHIP THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE PRESENTLY EXCELLENT AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE REFLECTED BY INCREASED TOP-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE DANES WERE HIGHLY PLEASED BY THE WARM RECEPTION THEY RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON LAST NOVEMBER. THEY WOULD LIKE TO RECIPROCATATE SOMEHOW AND THINK THAT BY SHARING WITH THE SECRETARY INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, THEY MIGHT GIVE US SOMETHING OF VALUE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COULD YOU TELL ME WHETHER THE SECRETARY MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO THE DANISH SUGGESTION TO MAKE A BRIEF STOPOVER IN COPENHAGEN DURING ONE OF HIS FORTHCOMING TRIPS.

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